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2		Revenues		
3	Current Sales Tax Exemptions To Be Eliminated			
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5	Publications Sold on Short Intervals	\$9,837,334		
6	Sales to Private schools and Colleges	\$500,000		
7	Sales to Regularly Organized Churches	\$2,807,208		
	Sales to Institutions Conducting Medical Research or Scientific Study in			
8	Biology	\$500,000		
9	Camp Rentals	\$100,000		
10	Funeral Services	\$5,991,986		
11	Sales through coin operated vending machines	\$1,365,583		
12	Sales to day care centers and nursery schools	*		
	Sales to Community Action Agencies, Child Abuse Councils, & Child			
	Advocacy organizations	\$500,000		
14	Sales by schools and school-sponsored organizations	\$500,000		
15	Sales to Monastaries and convents	*		
16	Sales to State chartered Credit Unions	*		
17	Meals and Lodging Provided to Employees	\$3,274,999		
18	Certain Aircraft Parts	*		
19	Personal Services	\$19,449,324		
20	Amusements and Recreational Services	\$54,692,595		
	Consumer Purchases: Membership, social and miscellaneous services -			
21	Exclude charitable donations and labor unions from tax. ***	\$120,566,136		
	Consumer Purchases of Transportation Services, but exclude publically			
22	owned transportation services from the tax. ***	\$21,197,209		
	Consumer Interstate Calls only [Part of Certain telecommunications			
23	Services].	\$15,800,000		
	Business Memberships and Entertainment portion only [Part of Business			
	Purchases of Other Miscellaneous Services and Memberships]			
24	• •	\$4,600,000		
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27	Total Exemptions Accepted For Elimination	\$261,682,374	\$127,940,424	

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	* - Value is minimal. *** Value is overstated as a result of reducing the num	nber of factors that	will be subject to the Sa	ales Tax.
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30	**** First Year revenues are based on the value of these exemptions for FY 2002.			
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32	Doubling the tax paid by beer & wine distributors	\$16,067,304	\$8,033,652	
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	Increase the Meals and Lodging Tax from 7% to 8%	\$44,680,000	\$22,340,000	
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36	Total Increased Revenues	\$322,429,678	\$158,314,076	
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40	Definitions			
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	Certain Telecommunications Services. Currently, only intrastate telephone calls are taxed. Consumers and			
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	beneficial to of this tax exemption. The cost of the business exemption is \$6.2 minion annually, and the cost			Concumers
42	of the consumers tax exemption is \$7.9 million annually.			only
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	Sales of Certain Printed Materials. This recently enacted tax exemption is the result of requests from in-state			
	printers who sought an exemption from the sales tax on printed catalogues		•	
l	the business of instate companies that sell primarily to customers out-of-state. Currently, any catalogues or other			
	advertising sold in Maine are subject to the sales tax.			Rejected
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	Consumer Purchases of Business and Legal Services. Currently, consumer purchases of accounting,			
	bookkeeping, tax preparation, and legal services are not subject to the sales tax . Most of the cost of this tax			
47	exemption is associated with the exemption afforded to legal services.			Set Aside
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	Business Purchases of Transportation Services. Currently, business purchases of airline, bus, rail, and taxicab				
	services, and transportation shipping costs are exempt from the Sales Tax. A very significant portion of the cost of				
	this exemption is attributable to the trucking industry that ships products or provides services to customers.				
	portion attributable to employee travel and business officials' travel is roughly \$7 million annually.				
49			_	Rejected	
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	Business Purchases of Other Miscellaneous Services and Memberships. Currently, social services purchased				
	by businesses, such as job training, child care, educational tuition, medical services, etc., are exempt from the Sales				
	Tax. In addition, business memberships in golf clubs and other recreational facilties, memberships in professional			Memberships	
	organizations, and entertainment expenses are not subject to the sales tax. Exemption of memberships and			&	
	entertainment costs \$2.3 million each year.				
51	•			only	